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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

After the specification and before the claims please insert the enclosed Sequence Listing as pages 51-81. Please renumber original pages 51-59 as 82-90, respectively.

At page 1, line 26, please delete "In." and insert therefor --In--.

At page 8, line 11, please delete "on" and insert therefor --as--.

At page 11, line 7, please delete "WO 94/115116" and insert therefore --WO 94/11516--.

At page 12, line 12, please defete "WO 94/115116" and insert therefore --WO 94/11516--.

At page 43, lines 16-19, please delete "non-polar residue, leucine, for a polar residue,

histidine" and insert therefor - polar residue, histidine, for a non-polar residue, leucine -

At page 44, line 23, after "3", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:19--). At line 24, after "3", please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:20--). At line 26, after "3", please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:21)--. At line 27, after "3", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:22)--.

At page 49, line 7, after "CAUCAUCAUCAUCTTCTTCGTAGGGTTCATCG", please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:23)--. At line 8, after "CUACUACUACUATCATAGAAGAGAAAGGTTCAG", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:24)--. At line 13, after "3", please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:25)--. At line 14, after "3", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:26)--.

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